

**REVISED MINUTES OF THE
JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005, 2:00 P.M.
Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Co-Chair
 Rep. Gordon E. Snow, Co-Chair
 Sen. Beverly Evans
 Sen. Karen Hale
 Rep. J. Stuart Adams
 Rep. Ron Bigelow
 Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
 Rep. LaVar Christensen
 Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. Julie Fisher
 Rep. Karen W. Morgan
 Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: Pres. John Valentine

Members Absent: Rep. James A. Ferrin

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Cherie Schmidt, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Rep. Holdaway, H. B. 362 Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Co-Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

1. Bill Presentation - H. B. 362 Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers - Rep. Holdaway discussed H. B. 362 Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers. This bill creates a grant program to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to obtain National Board certification or to take tests to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards. Rep. Holdaway requested a one-time appropriation of \$300,000. Rep. Snow asked a question concerning what the cost would be for each teacher and would the appropriation be retroactive. Rep. Holdaway responded by stating that the cost per teacher will be determined at the local level, and the appropriation is not intended to be retroactive.

2. Adopt Base Budgets - Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained the document that was given to the Committee entitled *Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Base Budget Motions*. This document is designed to approve the base budget that was allocated by the Executive Appropriations Committee. Revenues have been referenced into motions for the various programs. Mr. Kjar suggested that one motion be adopted to accept all the parameters. This document is on file with the committee minutes.

MOTION: Sen. Evans moved to adopt all of the motions as outlined in the document *Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Base Budget Motions* for the base budget motions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kjar commented that in the motion the Committee did approve the new local monies that come in from the adjusted rates. There is an additional increase of funds in that motion in local revenues.

3. Final Subcommittee Budget Prioritization -

MOTION: Rep. Adams moved to recommend to the Executive Appropriations Committee that the subcommittee's top funding priority is \$37,740,100 in ongoing Uniform School Funds to provide the FY 2006 student growth needs. This provides the recommended increases for enrollment growth in the districts and charter schools, Youth in Custody, and the Electronic High School. Rep. Adams further moved that \$642,000 in one-time Uniform School Funds be included in this priority as a supplemental in FY 2005 to provide for student growth needs occurring in the current year.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to adopt the following items as the subcommittee's top one-time funding priorities:

1. \$5,500,000 for Teacher Supplies and Materials
2. \$2,500,000 for Online Testing
3. \$2,500,000 for the Math/Science Teacher Incentive Program
4. \$10,000,000 for Enrollment Growth Capital
5. \$200,000 for Quality Teacher Bonuses for Exemplary Teachers
6. \$300,000 for the National Geographic Endowment Match
7. \$300,000 for Assistive Technology

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Morgan moved to add the following items to the priority list based on a document given to the Committee members entitled *Public Education Appropriations Democratic Recommended Appropriation Changes*.

1. \$490,000 for the Fine Arts and Sciences - POPS Program
2. \$303,300 for the USOR - Transitional Services
3. \$200,000 for Independent Living
4. \$24,000 one-time appropriation for the Sanderson Community Center Equipment
5. Lines 17-27 under Other Recommended Items to be added to the list

Rep. Snow asked for clarification of this motion.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Morgan amended the substitute motion and moved to add the following items to the priority list:

1. \$24,000 one-time appropriation for the Sanderson Community Center
2. \$300,000 one-time appropriation to the Minimum School Program - Transportation

Rep. Snow clarified the substitute motion and listed the subcommittee's top one-time funding priorities as follows:

1. \$5,500,000 for Teacher Supplies and Materials
2. \$2,500,000 for Online Testing
3. \$2,500,000 for the Math/Science Teacher Incentive Program
4. \$10,000,000 for Enrollment Growth Capital
5. \$200,000 for Quality Teacher Bonuses for Exemplary Teachers
6. \$300,000 for the National Geographic Endowment Match
7. \$300,000 for Assistive Technology
8. \$24,000 for the Sanderson Community Center Equipment
9. \$300,000 for the Minimum School Program - Transportation

The substitute motion failed. Those voting in favor of the motion were Sen. Hale, Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Cosgrove, and Rep. Morgan. Those voting against the motion were Sen. Evans, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Adams, Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Fisher, Rep. Snow, and Rep. Urquhart. Rep. Dougall was absent at the time of voting.

The original motion by Rep. Christensen passed unanimously.

Rep. Snow asked for other motions and stated that these motions should be separated by ongoing and one-time money so that there will be a priority list for each category.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to add one of the subcommittee's top funding priorities in the amount of \$490,000 for the Fine Arts and Sciences Program to be allocated as \$110,000 for the Request for Proposal Program and \$380,000 for the Professional Outreach Program in the Schools. This would be added to the bottom of the list of items that have been prioritized to this point.

Sen. Hale supported this appropriation request by referring to the document *Public Education: Fine Arts and Sciences Program* Column 9 which details the distribution of those funds.

The motion passed in the Senate and failed in the House. Those voting in favor of the motion were Sen. Hale, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Cosgrove, and Rep. Morgan. Those voting against the motion were Sen. Evans, Rep. Snow, Rep. Adams, Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Fisher, and Rep. Urquhart.

MOTION: Sen Stephenson moved to have the Committee wait to meet again until there is an indication from Executive Appropriations of approximately what money is available. At that meeting, the Committee would be prepared to give a prioritization list based on that amount.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with Sen. Hale, Rep. Bourdeaux, and Rep. Morgan voting against the motion.

Committee Co-Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Cherie Schmidt, Secretary